

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Services, LLC** 's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Crow Wing County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: August 14, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-99-1739**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On June 2, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Crow Wing County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On June 26, 1981, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On October 8, 1981, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Crosslake Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On May 15, 1984, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On September 24, 1984, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Continental Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On January 9, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On November 19, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Consolidated Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On November 6, 1987, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On November 9, 1987, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Arvig Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On December 29, 1992, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Emily Cooperative Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

CURRENT FILING

On September 14, 1999, Crow Wing County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of tandem based E911 service in their 911 Emergency Services system.

On November 30, 1999, IES installed tandem based E911 with the capability of providing Automatic Number Identification (ANI) services, with two sets of incoming trunks from the Breezy Point, Crosby, Crosslake, Deerwood, Emily, Garrison, Ideal Corners, Mission, Nisswa, Nokay Lake, Pequot Lakes, three sets from Brainerd and one from the Bennettville Exchanges to the Brainerd Selective Router (26 Trunks).

On December 1, 1999, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing tandem based E911 services with ANI to the 911 Emergency Services system in Crow Wing County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing tandem based E911 Services with ANI. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this

section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Independent Emergency Services, LLC has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Crow Wing County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Crow Wing County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Crow Wing County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-99-1739.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this _____ day of

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Notary Public